

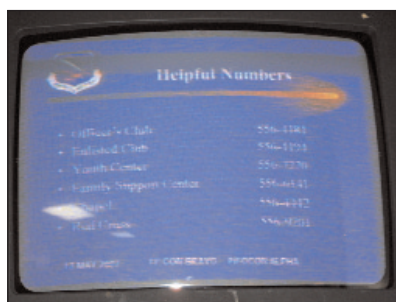


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## Welcome SECAF

The 21st Space Wing welcomes Dr. and Mrs. James G. Roche, Secretary of the Air Force

# Wing command changes hands

By Master Sgt. D.K. Grant  
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

The 21st Space Wing bid farewell to outgoing commander Brig. Gen. C. Robert Kehler and welcomed new commander Brig. Gen. Duane W. Deal during a change of command ceremony Wednesday, presided over by 14th Air Force commander Maj. Gen. Michael Hamel.

The ceremony marked the end of Kehler's two-year command of the global-unit headquartered at Peterson Air Force Base. Kehler moves on to the Pentagon to assume directorship of the national security space integration directorate, Office of the Undersecretary of the Air Force.

Deal, the Air Force Recruiting Service commander, Randolph AFB, Texas, prior to this assignment, is no stranger to Air Force Space Command or the wing.

In addition to a stint as commander of the 2nd Space Warning Squadron at Buckley (then an Air National Guard Base), and commander of the 21st Logistics Group here (from 1996 to 1998), Deal has served in a gamut of fields ranging from reconnaissance to maintenance. His assignments have taken him to bases across the continent, including time at McChord AFB, Wash., Malmstrom AFB, Mont., Beale AFB, Calif., Maxwell AFB, Ala., Grand Forks AFB, N.D., Washington D.C. (the



Photo by G. Dennis Plummer

**Maj. Gen. Michael A. Hamel (left), 14th Air Force commander, presents the 21st Space Wing guidon to Brig. Gen. Duane Deal, marking Deal's assumption of command of the 21st SW.**

Pentagon and command of the 11th Wing, Bolling AFB), and Randolph, as well as service in the Persian Gulf during Desert Shield/Storm.

In addition, the new commander served a year as an Air Force research fellow with RAND Corporation in Santa Monica, Calif., and a year as a National Defense Fellow at the Center for International Affairs, Harvard University.

A pilot whose flight hours were earned in such aircraft as the B-57, F-

106, T-38 and the SR-71, Deal brings a variety of experience to command of the wing. He earned senior pilot, basic parachutist, master maintenance/munitions, space operations, and missile maintenance badges.

Deal's first commander's call will be this afternoon, 1:30 p.m., at the pavilion area of the base park. Wing military members who are not on leave or temporary duty assignment are required to attend.

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# Chefs win at Guardian Challenge 2002

By Tech. Sgt. Gino Mattorano  
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

The 21st Space Wing Knights chef team overcame tremendous odds to win their portion of Guardian Challenge competition at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. May 6-10.

When a member of the two-person team was unable to compete at the last minute, Staff Sgt. Dave Giberson, 21st Services Squadron, stepped up to the task with only two days remaining to train.

"I found out I was competing the Tuesday before the competition," said Giberson. We spent the next two days training with the M-2 burner and firing the M-16. That Friday before the competi-



Photo by Budd Butcher

**The winning chef team leads the 21st Space Wing team as they return to Peterson May 10, to a welcome by the High Frontier Honor Guard and wing members.**

tion, we reviewed our materials and got ready to leave.

"Our trainer, (Master Sgt. Mike Ferricher, 21st SVS) did a great job of making sure we were trained and ready to go."

Giberson attributes his ability to step in and perform so well to the training

he's received throughout his Air Force career, to include field training and several deployments.

The combination of training, experience and preparation gave the team all the tools they needed to compete except confidence.

"Going in, I was wor-

ried because Sergeant Giberson and I hadn't worked together before," said Senior Airman Andrea Howard, 21st SVS. "I was really nervous for the first event, but after that it got easier and everything went smoothly."

The chef's competition tested competitor's ability to disassemble, reassemble, and perform an operational test of the M-2 burner, which is a key element of a field kitchen. Competitors were also tested on their skill at firing the M-16 rifle.

The competition culminated with a cook-off in the field kitchen where chefs were judged on their ability to cook a meal in the allotted time, while adhering to directions and safety requirements.

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## From the Top

### Dumb, dangerous, different, dull?

Words can't express how fantastic it is to be back in this great city and state, back on this historic base, and particularly back in the 21st Space Wing!

It's particularly fitting that my first event with our Peterson wing members comes during the Wing Safety Day, for emphasizing safety is one topic you'll repeatedly hear from me.

You're aware that a strong safety program is bedrock to a successful organization. Other keys—such as training and teamwork—are for naught without the foundation of safety. Safety involves following established procedures—which earned the name “established” procedures for good reason. Procedures such as those in tech orders, weapons safety rules, a healthy respect for high voltage, driving safety, hazardous materials handling, and other such programs address most situations and precautions for them.

When that's insufficient, however, there's a fundamental test revolving around

four simple words: dumb, dangerous, different, and dull—the “4 Ds.” Is what we're about to do *Dumb*? Performing electrical work standing in water comes to mind. Is what we're doing *Dangerous*? Any handling of weapons, driving in adverse conditions, and similar circumstances come to mind. Is what we're doing *Different*? Here, different means deviating from normal, routine procedures versus what we may be accustomed to. Finally, is it *Dull*? Dull are those seemingly monotonous tasks that may lull us into a false sense of security. If the answer to any of the “4 Ds” is “yes,” then scrutinizing the task for safe practices must become second nature.

The 21st Wing is clearly doing it right. For the sake of our vital mission, our equipment, and *especially* our people, please “stay the course” so we can celebrate after the 101 Critical Days as we are beforehand.

**Brig. Gen. Duane Deal**  
21st Space Wing Commander

## Action Line

### Gate issue

**QUESTION:** Why don't they remove the barriers going out the main gate during peak hours like they do in the mornings for inbound traffic?

**ANSWER:** The physical barriers in both the outbound and inbound lanes of each gate on base are vital to overall security and the prevention of unauthorized vehicles trying to gain access through the gates. Our security forces have determined the high volume of vehicle traffic entering the base during peak times pro-

vides a physical barrier because all vehicles must stop for identification checks. Exiting vehicles do not provide the same physical barriers since traffic exiting the base fluctuates, and exiting vehicles are not required to stop.

Force protection must be our priority. Remember, we have two other gates that are open during peak hours -- you can use them as well. If you have other questions, call Tech. Sgt. Lee Cochran, 21st SFS, at 556-6739.



**Brig. Gen. Duane Deal, 21st SW Commander, meets with Senior Airman Monica Harris, and Timothy Donegan, both 21st SW Plans and Programs.**

#### Submitting Action Line

To submit an Action Line call 556-7777 or fax your question to 556-7848.

## News Briefs

**AIR SHOW** - Colorado Springs will host an airshow Saturday and Sunday at the old Colorado Springs Airport. Show times are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. The event will feature vintage, experimental and active military aircraft.

Admission prices are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-11, and children 5 and under get in free.

There is a \$3 parking fee per vehicle.

For more information call 635-8803.

#### ROAD CLOSURES, DELAYS

Suffolk Street from Duluth to Hamilton avenues will be closed through May 24 to allow completion of the new fire station.

Hamilton Avenue from Peterson Boulevard to the south end of Hamilton and the flightline gate

between Buildings 119 and 117 will also be closed those dates.

For more information, call John Moreau or Bryon Bednar at 556-4184.

**TAX PREPARATION** - The Peterson Tax Center will remain open until June 28 to answer tax-related questions and to assist with tax preparations. Electronic filing is still available for those who filed for an extension. Assistance is also available in

filing amended federal and amended Colorado State returns.

For tax questions, call 556-5213. For a tax preparation appointment, call 556-4871.

#### MILLER MOTH MIGRATION

The annual migration of Miller moths, which normally lasts about four weeks, is underway. For more information, visit [www.colostate.edu/Depts/CoopExt/LARIMER/millers.htm](http://www.colostate.edu/Depts/CoopExt/LARIMER/millers.htm).

### 21st Space Wing



## GSU At a Glance



**Unit:** 1st Space Control Squadron

**Location:** Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, Colo.

**Mission:** The 1st SPCS provides freedom of action in space for the United States and its allies by performing space protection and space surveillance in support of the U.S. Commander-in-Chief Space's space control mission.

1st SPCS processes all manmade and environmental threat activities against U.S. and allied satellites and ground stations. Additionally, 1st SPCS provides accurate positional data on all manmade, Earth-orbiting space objects by effectively directing the worldwide space surveillance network, providing in-depth orbital analysis on these space objects, and efficiently disseminating orbital positional data to customers worldwide.

Information from 30 sensors is forwarded to the unit for compilation and analysis. The unit receives more than 100,000 observations daily and maintains a database of more than 9,500 Earth-orbiting space objects. This information is made available to authorized customers worldwide through an electronic bulletin board.

The unit also tracks objects in an unstable orbit that will reenter the Earth's atmosphere. Information on these satellites is passed to the CMAFS Combined Command Center's mission director to ensure key national agencies are made aware of the pending activity.

The furthest object the unit tracks, makes nearly one revolution every two weeks. The closest object makes a revolution around the earth in less than 90 minutes.



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# Safety Day

## NASCAR rising star visits base, helps kick-off Summer Safety Day

By Tech. Sgt. Michael Phillips  
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series driver Brian Rose will visit the base today as Peterson kicks off its "101 Critical Days of Summer" campaign.

"With the increase in summertime activities, historically more Air Force personnel have been killed in mishaps during the 101 Days than any other time," said Master Sgt. Chuck Cypher, 21st Space Wing Safety superintendent. "In a proactive effort to try and stem the number of airmen killed in motor vehicle-related mishaps, the 21st Space Wing Safety Office has enlisted the help of 22-year-old Brian Rose, NASCAR Craftsman Truck series race driver."

"He'll attend the 101 Critical Days of Summer Safety Kick-off ceremony today in Peterson Park to sign autographs, hand out pictures and give testimony to the safety equipment he uses whenever he races," Cypher said.

Rose will sign autographs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at the Peterson pavilion area.

Rose pilots the No. 4 Dodge truck for Bobby Hamilton Racing.



Rose

He currently stands seventh in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series point standings.

"Though his safety message applies to all, it's specifically targeted to airmen in his age group ... those 18- to 25-years-old," Cypher said. "So far this fiscal year, 35 airmen in that age group have lost their lives in motor vehicle-related mishaps.

"We'd like to remind our folks to use personal protective devices, just like Brian does when he races," he said. "Wear seat belts when operating or riding in vehicles, wear a helmet when riding motorcycles, and wear a personal flotation device when boating."

"Also, we need to remind them that alcohol is a no-no when participating in these type of activities," Cypher added. "We need them to use Personal Risk Management in all they do."

Since the trucks race this weekend at Pikes Peak International Raceway, it seemed to Cypher like the perfect way to tie the two aspects of safety together.

"Hopefully, with Brian's help, this kick-off ceremony will be the start to a successful 101 Days campaign for the 21st Space Wing.

## Safety Day activities

The 21st Space Wing will officially kick-off the 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., today at the base park and pavillion.

Activities will include a safety exposition and information fair with base and community exhibitors.

Hamburger and hot dog lunches with chips and drinks will be sold by the Pikes Peak Top 3 Association.

The kick-off ceremony wraps-up at 1:30 p.m. when Brig. Gen. Duane Deal, 21st SW commander, will address wing members in a commanders' call in the park.

## 14th Air Force commander offers summer safety advice

Maj. Gen. Michael A. Hamel  
14th Air Force commander

Memorial Day is our tribute to the sacrifices other Americans have made defending this great nation. It also marks the start of the "101 Critical Days of Summer"-- a campaign targeted at the reduction of off-duty mishaps.

The summer season sees many PCS moves, students enjoying a break from school, and for most of us, opportunities for recreational outlet. I'm a firm believer that enjoying leisure activities is healthy and should be encouraged. Tragically though, we seem to witness more lost-time and fatal mishaps--primarily involving automobiles--while pursuing off-duty activities. Excessive speed, operator inattention, alcohol use, and lack of seat belt use were crucial factors in the 38 Air Force deaths over the past eight months--including one of our own in 14th Air Force this past October.

After enjoying an evening out with friends, followed by a late night drive home, our alcohol-impaired Airman (Blood Alcohol Content: .11) probably fell asleep at the wheel -- at 60 miles per hour. Her close friend, a passenger in the car, was also killed in this senseless mishap.

Five months earlier, another 14th AF member died in a traffic fatality while enroute to her new assignment to Vandenberg AFB, Calif. This time a momentary driver distraction, followed by a loss of steering control, sent the family car somersaulting onto the road shoulder of I-40 near the California-Nevada state line. The unrestrained driver was crushed as the vehicle rolled over her partially ejected body. Result: The Air Force lost a valuable NCO--but more tragically--two children lost their mother forever!

Deadly consequences are often

the result of simple driving errors. Statistically, there is no greater danger we face in our lives than the one encountered while driving our vehicles. It's a risk all of us share.

From our mishap investigations, we know that virtually all of these incidences are avoidable. And we're sure that for every fatal event like the ones just described, similar "close calls" occur hundreds - maybe thousands of times among our troops. Driver distractions, speeding, fatigue, unrestrained occupants, and alcohol impairment are the leading players -- and all are things you control.

Activities in and around water, like swimming or boating, are other areas over-represented in the summertime injury toll. Drownings typically occur in shallow water near other people, and like many auto-related deaths, often involve alcohol. These senseless losses usually occur off-duty, when individuals are enjoying well-deserved relaxation time.

Every day, the wings that comprise the 14th AF global workplace demonstrate extraordinary abilities making both work and off-duty environments safer for themselves and others while accomplishing the mission. But I also agree with General Lord's recent assertion that "We are not doing a good enough job at preventing alcohol-related incidents." In echoing Lt. Gen. Hinson, "We're a team and we have to take responsibility for the welfare of our fellow airmen."

Many of our people have yet to master personal risk management. I expect every member to apply self-discipline and a sound PRM philosophy in all you do.

This is especially true for off-duty activities--reducing danger is as simple as keeping the proper forethought and planning in all your activities.

### COMPETE, from Page 1

After the dust settled, judges declared the 21st SW chef team the winners.

"I knew we had done really well, but I didn't expect to win," said Howard. "It was so much fun. Taking part in the competition was the most amazing thing I've ever done. The whole event left me speechless."

By a very slim margin, the 21st SW team gave up the Aldridge trophy to the 50th Space Wing at Schriever Air Force Base, Colo. in Air Force Space Command's annual space warfighter competition.

"This year's competition was just plain hard and even more challenging than previous years," said Chief Master Sgt. Fred Schoettler, 21st SW command chief. "All of our competi-

tors, from security forces, communications, chefs and our space operators did our wing extremely proud as representatives of the 21st Space Wing. Please take the time to thank them and recognize them for the weeks of training and the stressful evaluations they endured to earn a spot in this year's competition. Their efforts were simply outstanding.

"I also want to give a huge 'thank you' to all who worked behind the scenes, and those who stayed behind to allow the competitors to travel to Vandenberg to attend the 35th anniversary competition.

"This was truly a memorable event for all who could attend, and next year is another golden opportunity to win back the title of 'Best Space Wing' in Air Force Space Command."



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jennifer Wallis

The 21st Space Wing security forces team carries a 175-pound "POW" to safety during the May 7 Guardian Challenge marksmanship competition. The team earned a trophy for being 14th Air Force's Best Security Forces Team.

# Access channel goes on the air

By 2nd Lt Suzy Kohout  
21 Space Wing Public Affairs

The long-awaited cable access channel has arrived at Peterson.

The Commander’s Access Channel is designed to help inform people on base about upcoming events and announcements through a dedicated cable channel broadcast directly to work centers and base housing.

Typical announcements include force protection changes, Service’s operating hours, special events, food specials at the clubs, and notification of commander's calls, to name a few.

“The commander’s access channel is another way that enhances our ability to effectively communicate important information and announcements to everyone on this base,” said Col. Don Alston, 21st Space Wing Vice Commander.

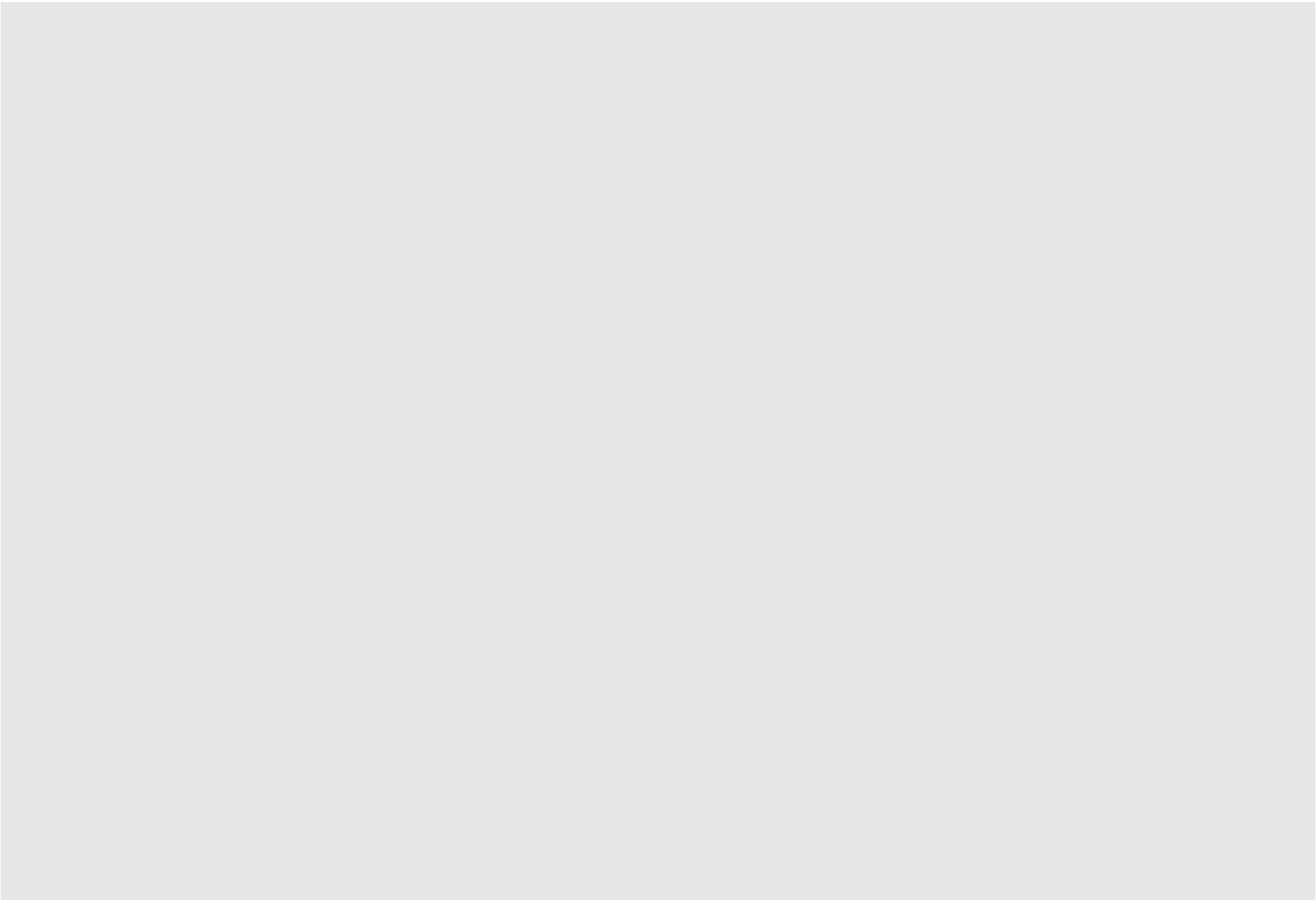
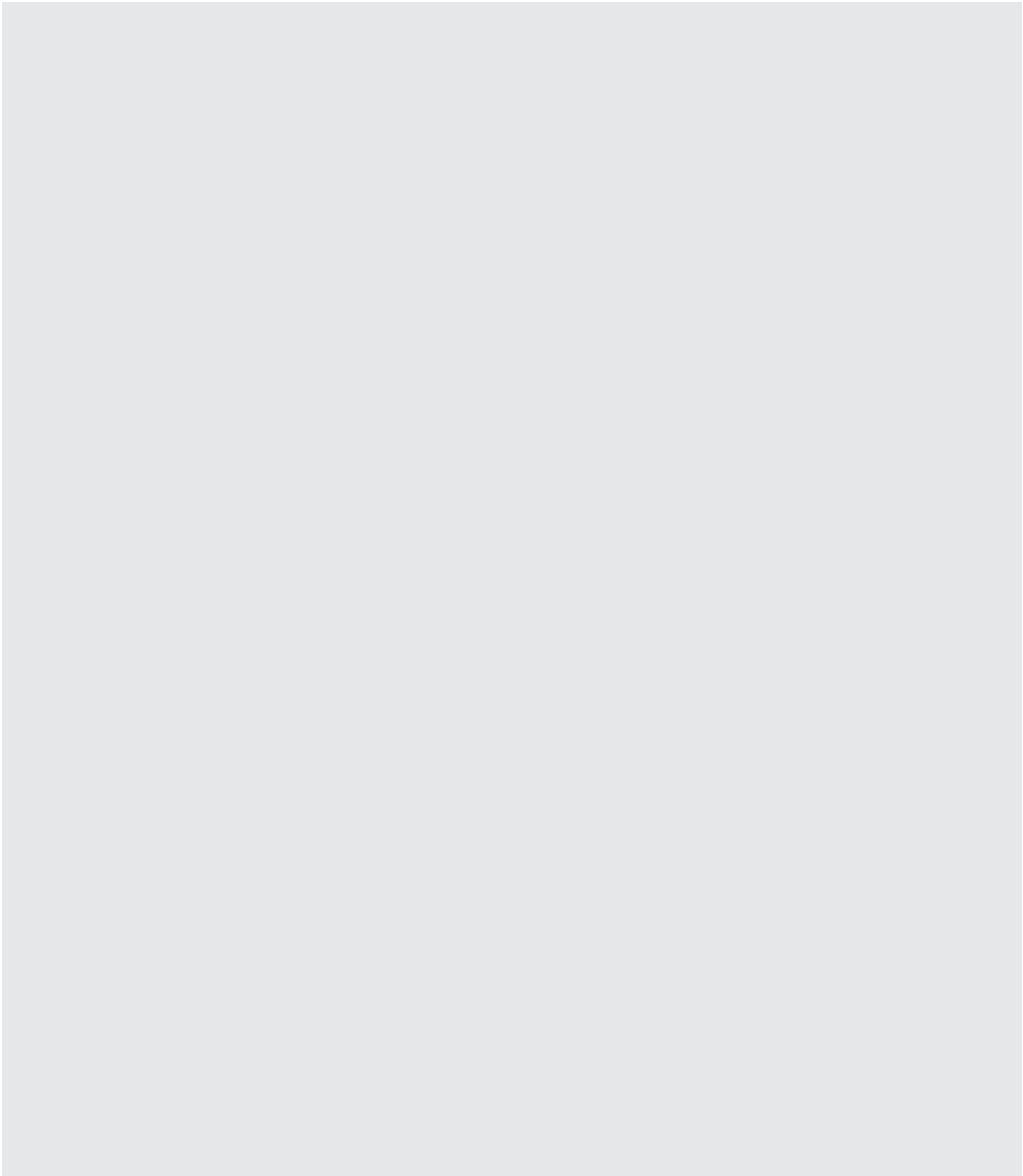
“Peterson is a very unique military base in that we are the host for a number of different tenants and we own and operate one of the

busiest flight lines in all of DoD,” said Alston. “This means that all of our available temporary housing is also heavily used on a weekly, if not daily, basis. This program allows us to inform our people--especially those new to Peterson and living in our temporary facilities--about emergency situations, general announcements, recreation and entertainment options, during their stay here.”

All base housing and work centers on base that currently receive Americable cable television service, can tune into the access channel on Channel 3.

The real success of how effective the commander's access channel can be lies in the information that's scheduled to be aired on the system. Any unit can submit information in Power Point format to the public affairs office via the new email address at: *access.channel@peterson.af.mil*.

Public Affairs is responsible for managing overall program content and will review inputs and schedule them into the system.





# ALS graduates 26

Twenty-six airmen graduated Airman Leadership School May 7.

The John L. Levitow Award was earned by **Senior Airman Joel-Robert B. Orzal**, 21st Communications Squadron.

Distinguished Graduates were **Senior Airman Gary A. Hasecuster**, 21st Security Forces Squadron and **Senior Airman Spencer F. Applebury**, 21st Civil Engineer Squadron.

Applebury also recieved the Academic Achievement award.

The Leadership Award was given to **Senior Airman Mindy S. Velchek**, Detachment 1, 533rd Training Squadron, Schriever AFB.

The following airmen are graduates of Class 02-E:

- SrA Sarah E. Meeks**, 50th CES, Class Leader
- SrA Jason M. Whisennand**, 50th CS, Eagle Flight Leader
- SrA Kai Fernandez**, Space Missile Center, Falcon Flight Leader
- SrA Spencer F. Applebury**, 21st CES
- SrA Daniel A. Barr**, 4th Space Operating Squadron

- SrA Sonja R. Berry**, 10th Medical Group
- SrA Thomas W. Bryson**, 21st Services Squadron
- SrA Autumn L. Chavez**, U.S. Space Command
- SrA Angie L. Clemmons**, 721st SFS
- SrA Courtney M. Cooley**, 3rd SOPS
- SrA Lance M. Dickerson**, 4th SOPS
- SrA Joseph E. Gendron**, 4th SOPS
- SrA Monica R. Harris**, 21st Space Wing
- SrA Gary A. Hasecuster**, 21st SFS
- SrA Mandie F. Hutchinson**, 50th CS
- SrA Renee H. Marvel**, 21st SVS
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- SrA Jeffrey K. Miller**, 50th CES
- SrA Joel-Robert B. Orzal**, 21st CS
- SrA Randy A. Rivera**, 50th CS
- SrA Jake M. Robbins**, 721st SFS
- SrA Brian A. Rowe**, 50th CS
- SrA Jessica M. Sevening**, NORAD
- SrA Mindy S. Velchek**, Detachment 1, 533rd TRS



## USSPACECOM Command Run

U.S. Space Command has planned a command run for May 31 beginning at 6:30 a.m. at the parade grades across the street from Bldg. 1470. Members will run in formation south on Peterson Blvd to Hamilton, Hamilton to Suffolk, Suffolk to Dover, Dover to Mitchell, Mitchell to Stewart, and back to Peterson to finish up at the start point. Base members are reminded to be watchful during the command run, expected to last until 7:15 a.m. or so.

Around the Air Force

First Responders Conduct Drill at Pentagon

By Linda D. Kozaryn  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- For those who witnessed the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon last year, the sounds of chaos that filled the building's center courtyard this morning may have been a vivid reminder of that tragic day.

Gray smoke billowed from an explosive in a concrete planter and filled the courtyard with a hazy mist. Screams, pleas for help and cries for medics echoed off the building's granite walls, interspersed with the shouted commands of security police and other first responders.

Unlike Sept. 11, the chaos this time was not real. The victims were actors and their wounds were fake. This was an exercise designed to test military and civilian community emergency members' response to a chemical attack.

Defense officials had warned the Pentagon's 20,000 workers that Arlington County's Chemical Weapons Full-Scale Exercise was to be held in the courtyard. About 300 people took part in the four-hour exercise that started at 9 a.m. Dubbed Operation

Misty Court, the training was sponsored by the Department of Justice Domestic Preparedness Program.

Defense Protective Service and military medical personnel were the first to arrive on the scene after a simulated explosion and release of a chemical agent. They found service members acting as dazed, frightened victims. Arlington County emergency response units arrived in two trucks and began hosing down the victims.

"The initial decontamination is to hose them down, and then once the situation is under control, then they can start medical treatment," said Sgt. 1st Class Ronald Wadsworth of the North Atlantic Regional Medical Command. Co-located with Walter Reed Army Medical Center, the command oversees a 22-state area.

"This whole area is now contaminated," Wadsworth said, indicating the lawn where the victims had been hosed down. "They will not allow anybody who isn't protected into this area, and they're going to have to dig all of this up and dispose of it, because that's now contaminated waste."

The scenario involved an explosion during a ceremony, followed by the dispersal of an agent in the resulting smoke. When medical personnel from the Pentagon's DiLorenzo Clinic arrived on the scene, they found victims with shrapnel wounds.

Some were in shock. Others suffered from dizziness, confusion, drooling, muscle aches and other nerve agent symptoms. Orange tags described their conditions to test emergency personnel's responses.

U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Andrew Webber of Schaller, Iowa, volunteered to be a victim. He said he was in the Pentagon on Sept. 11.

"This is helpful for everyone involved," Webber said. "It gives the civilian authorities a better idea of what's going on. So hopefully if something like this ever happened, either here or anywhere else, they could be better prepared."

Since Sept. 11, defense officials have installed monitoring equipment and intensified efforts to develop work force training to respond to chemical or biological threats, according to John Jester, Defense Protective Service.



Photo by Linda D. Kozaryn

**A blue-capped exercise official watches as firefighters of Arlington County, Va., provide emergency services to service members acting as victims during a recent drill simulating a chemical attack on the Pentagon.**

A main concern in a chemical or biological incident is that first responders will also become victims, he noted.

"It's very important when the first call comes in, you try to obtain as much information as possible so your officers can approach in a very cautious manner," he said. "They have to be careful not to touch someone that may be contaminated. They have been trained to recognize those symptoms of, for example, a chemical incident."

The Defense Department has also worked to improve the notification system within the building, Jester said.

"We had to think about how fast we could communicate to 20,000 people," he said. "So we're enhancing our public address system. We're testing a system now using the computer, because everybody has a computer terminal on his or her desk. A little siren goes off on your computer, a screen pops up and tells you this is an emergency and gives instructions on what to do."

Overall preparedness for a weapons of mass destruction attack", Jester said, "is in very good shape, but we're not where we want to be. We're always looking for ways to improve."



## Today

- Free Safety Day car wash, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., base car wash.
- Safety Day, 10a.m.-1 p.m., base park.

## Monday

- Mothers on the Move, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Family Advocacy Center.

## Tuesday

- Sponsorship training, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Family Support Center.

## Wednesday

- Oriental food family style buffet, 5-7 p.m., enlisted club.
- Single parents group, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Family Support Center.
- How Divorce Affects Children seminar, 2-4 p.m., base library.
- Use the golf simulator free, Wednesdays, Silver Spruce Golf Course.
- Small business seminar, 8 a.m.-noon, Family Support Center.



Photo by Rob L. Bussard

## Thank you

Col. Donald Alston, 21st Space Wing vice commander, left, presents a gift to Senator Stan Matsunaka, President of the Colorado State Senate, for being the guest speaker at the Asian Pacific American Heritage Luau at the officer's club Tuesday.

There will be a \$15 per person fees.

## Thursday

- Children's play group, 10:30 a.m.-noon, base chapel.
- How Divorce Affects Children seminar, 2-4 p.m., base library.

## May 24

- Heartlink, 9-10:30 a.m., enlisted club.

## Helpful Numbers

- Family Advocacy Center 556-8943
- Education Center 556-4064
- Library 556-7462
- Community Activities Center 556-7671
- Aquatics Center 556-4608
- Fitness Center 556-4462
- Officers' Club 556-4181
- Enlisted Club 556-4194
- Youth Center 556-7220
- Family Support Center 556-6141
- Chapel 556-4442
- Red Cross 556-9201

# Community Notes

### Community News

**SMALL BUSINESS SEMINAR** - A small business seminar addressing the steps to follow in establishing a small business is scheduled for Wednesday, 8 a.m.-noon, at the Family Support Center. There will be a \$15 fee per person for materials.

**ENLISTED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS** - Upcoming EPD seminars are as follows:

Senior NCO: May 28  
NCO: May 29  
Airman: May 30

The seminars begin at 7:30 a.m. in Bldg. 350, Room 2127. To register, call Senior Master Sgt. Torrys Johnson at 552-3051 or contact your first sergeant.

**MAGIC SHOW** - The 5th annual "Colorado Springs's STARS OF MAGIC" begins at 7 p.m. tonight at the base auditorium. Pre-show entertainment starts at 6 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 3-12.

For more information, call 556-8741.

**AIRMAN'S ATTIC:** The Airman's Attic is open noon-3 p.m. Tuesdays and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. the second and fourth Saturdays of the month.

To volunteer at the Airman's Attic, call Linda Sanderlin at 472-4837.

**CHILD CARE** - Military spouses who provide child care, or who want to, for children other than their own for 10 hours or more per week must be licensed to do so in on-base quarters.

For more information, call Barb Ziegler at 556-4322.

**DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY** - DeCA is accepting applications for the student temporary employment program.

For more information, call the Peterson Air Force Base Commissary

at 556-7765 or 556-7770.

**CLUB MEMBERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** - Nominations and essays for scholarships available through the enlisted and officers' clubs must be received by July 15.

Essays should be 500 words on the topic, "Air Force clubs -- how to continue the tradition."

For details, call club managers at 556-4194 or 556-4181.

**U-FIX-IT STORE** - The Self Help Center in Bldg. 1322 is now open Mondays through Saturdays, 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., for maintenance assistance.

**YOUTH CAMPS** - The Youth Center has information available about camps in archery, baseball, basketball, golf, NFL, soccer or tennis.

Call Karen or Tina at 556-7220 for more information.

**THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN** - The Thrift Savings Plan is tax-deferred savings plan. Service members may contribute from 1 to 7 percent of base pay and up to 100 percent of any incentive, special or bonus pay. There are five funds where the money may be invested and service members may contribute up to \$11,000 in 2002.

The next open season for enrollment runs through July 31.

To register for a class for more information, call 556-6141.

### Military Personnel Flight

**HOURS:** The MPF is open for appointments only 8-10 a.m. daily. Customer service and records hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m. for military identification cards, DEERS enrollment and verification. Active duty members can also view their personnel records by using the virtual MPF. Log on to [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil) and click on VMPF and follow the log-on procedures.

### **FAMILY MEMBER ID CARDS:**

Family members' ID cards are only renewed if they are about to expire or lost, and not for sponsors' change of grade. They can only be reissued 20 days prior to their expiration. The military member must be present to sign the ID card application unless the family member has a power-of-attorney.

### Community Activities Center

**TICKETS** - Discount tickets for the May 19 Craftsman truck race at Pikes Peak International Raceway are available.

**CLASSES** - Framing, scrapbooking, and stained glass classes are slated for May. Call 556-1732.

**TICKETS** - Free tickets are available for Sky Sox Night, May 30. The Colorado Springs Sky Sox will play the Salt Lake City Stingers.

### Education Center

**TUITION ASSISTANCE** - Beginning Oct. 1 the Air Force will pay 100 percent tuition assistance -- up to \$250 per semester hour with an annual cap of \$4,500 -- for active-duty members. **CCAF** - This year's Community College of the Air Force graduation is scheduled for May 30, 2 p.m., at the enlisted club.

**SUMMER TESTING HOURS** - The summer testing schedule for June and July is as follows.

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sign in up to 15 minutes prior to testing.

The ACT will be offered June 10, and the SAT will be offered on June 24. Sign up begins at 8:15 a.m. Doors close at 8:30. For more information call the education center, 556-4064.

## Peterson Air Force Base Chapel Schedule

### Protestant Services

Liturgical Worship  
8:15 a.m.

Traditional Sunday  
Worship 11 a.m.

Gospel Services  
12:30 p.m.

Sunday School  
9:45 a.m.

### Catholic Services

Mass  
Weekdays  
11:35 a.m.

Saturdays 5 p.m.  
Sundays 9:30 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturdays 4 p.m.

### Religious Education

Adult and pre K-12th grade Sundays  
8:30 a.m.



# Change of Command



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**Above:** Members of the official party, and the commander of the troops and his staff, salute the colors during the national anthem prior to the official change of command. **Right:** The commander of troops, wing vice commander Col. Donald Alston, leads the color guard forward for honors during the national anthem.



Air Force Space Command commander Gen. Lance Lord watches as the 21st Space Wing command is passed from Brig. Gen. C. Robert Kehler to Brig. Gen. Duane W. Deal during ceremonies Wednesday morning in Hangar 140.



**Left:** New wing commander Brig. Gen. Duane W. Deal greets the men and women of his new command, and his guests, during Wednesdays change of command.



Photo by Alex Warden

**Maj. Gen. Michael Hamel, 14th Air Force commander, speaks during the change of command ceremony Wednesday.**

Photos by G. Dennis Plummer



**Above:** Commander of troops Col. Donald Alston and his staff resume their positions following retirement of the colors. **Right:** Maj. Gen. Michael A. Hamel, 14th Air Force commander, presents the AFSPC General and Mrs. Jerome O'Malley award to former wing commander Brig. Gen. C. Robert "Bob" Kehler and his wife, Marge during change of command ceremonies Wednesday.

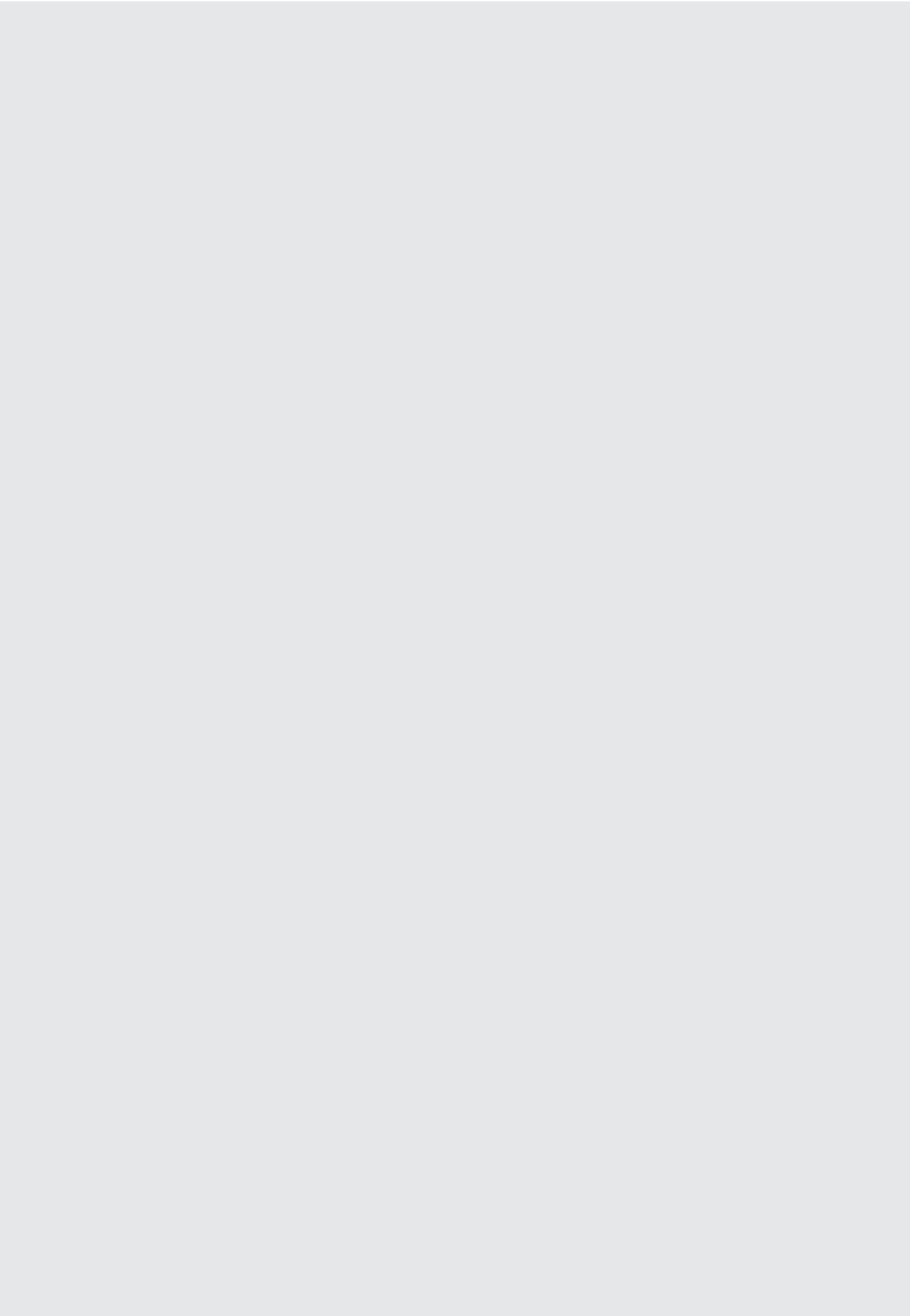


# Honor & Tradition











Sports Shorts

**Three-point shootout** - A three-point shootout is at 11:30 a.m. May 24. Sign up no later than May 24.

**Lifeguards** - For information about lifeguard training, call the Aquatics Center at 556-4608.

**Baseball fields** - Youth baseball fields are off limits to everyone except the base youth program participants. Field number four is open for general use.

To reserve an adult baseball playing field, call Ernie Martin at 556-4462.

**Golf course** - Summer hours are in effect at the Silver Spruce Golf Course.

The course is open 7 a.m.-dark. The pro shop is open 6:30 a.m.-7 p.m., and the 19th Hole Grill is open 6:30 a.m.-5 p.m. The driving range is open 6:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Daily tee times must be scheduled.

For more information, call 556-7414.

**Youth sports camps** - Youth may still sign up for summer camps in archery, baseball, basketball, golf, football, soccer and tennis. Space is limited.

For more information, call 556-7220.

**Baseball registration** - Youth baseball registration continues through today. Coaches are also needed for baseball teams for youths ages 3-12.

For more information, call 556-7220

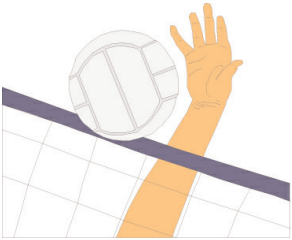
**Wallyball tournament** - a wallyball tournament is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at the Fitness Center.

**Memorial Day hours** - The fitness center will be open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Memorial Day.

For information about these and other Fitness Month events, call the Fitness Center at 556-1515 or 556-4475.

Volleyball Tournament –

The Asian Pacific American Heritage Committee will sponsor a volleyball tournament from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at the fitness center.



The tournament is limited to the first eight teams that sign up. A trophy and t-shirts will be presented to the winning team and runner up.

For more information or to register please call Staff Sgt. Maria Theresa Ibanez at 556-1040 or email her at [maria.ibanez@peterson.af.mil](mailto:maria.ibanez@peterson.af.mil).



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